



# Update on Envision

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The Mission of Envision is to:

- build authentic community by:
- proclaiming the gospel
- and making disciples of Jesus Christ
- within the downtown culture of Bellingham
- as a church missionary effort working in conjunction with local churches.

(Goals/Values and Budget Report Available Upon Request)

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## Concert of Worship with Senti's at Hope in Christ!

**Please mark your calendars for the Senti family concert on April 26, Friday, at 7pm at Hope in Christ Church.** The CD to be released is called, "Wake Up Oh Sleeper". If you're interested in getting a copy beforehand, let us know at 360-392-0289 or e-mail us at [mitchsenti@hotmail.com](mailto:mitchsenti@hotmail.com). There are 12 songs, mostly taken from Scripture and we would love to bless you with this CD. You can choose to donate to Envision or to the Senti family in any amount and receive a CD as a thank you! The love offering will go to the work of Envision Mission.

Also, clothing for our clothing drive will be collected at the concert and all the following day at Hope in Christ church's sanctuary. It will then be sold to a company that recycles it and the money will be used for our Summit House.

We are super excited to **baptize two people on April 14 at the Jesus Gathering**, our Easter service, Jordan Clik and Missy Taylor! Pray for them to be blessed in their continued journey with the LORD Jesus.

Glenda very quickly sold her Chevy Impala before her trip to Georgia. We will so miss her! Please pray that she will be blessed as she reconnects with family there and points folks to Jesus in the Atlanta area. She has lived in one of the most dangerous hotels in Bellingham for the sake of the Gospel, ministered to prostitutes, prayed with and ministered to the management there, led a Jesus Study every Wednesday in which a man has come to Christ, cut hair every week for the homeless, gone out countless nights with us on outreach, sometimes in the midst of pain, sleepless nights, spiritual warfare, conflict and trial. **She is one of those missionaries that is sold out to Christ** and I pray for more folks like her to be raised up by the LORD, even if they don't feel like they could ever do what she has done. Christ has done it! That's what she would remind all of us- it was Christ in her!

**We still need some good men that may be interested in tutoring one or two of the men at the house in reading and writing his Bible Study or 12 step material.** Let us know if you're at all willing to help. If you're interested in **donating towards the Summit house please write checks to Envision Mission and be sure to put "Rising Hope" on the memo line**, as that is the name of that ministry of Envision. We really need someone to help with the 12 step study as our current leader is needing to step away.

A lot of people say to us that they could "never do" what we do and that somehow we are specially gifted. I disagree with that assessment and believe it can be an excuse for people to avoid doing ministry with folks they are uncomfortable with. **The fact is none of us are comfortable with it; we all feel inadequate and nervous.** ☺ But we just show up; make ourselves available and Christ teaches us as we go. One example of that is a friend of ours who struggles with Chronic Fatigue. Sometimes he is so tired and down that he can hardly speak to us, much less others, but he will force himself to go on street night, even when he is struggling in this way. **Recently he could hardly speak the whole time and only at the end during our prayer time was he able to breakthrough in prayer, cast off the enemies' lies that he was of no use in that state**, and then open up to all of us on the team and praise God with us! That is a real victory in my book!

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“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”  
Ephesians 3:20-21

We appreciate your generosity so much! (Mitchell doesn't see how much each of you gives, but he sees who gives.)

If you'd like to make a donation, please send checks to: Envision Mission, 710 E. Sunset, Bellingham, WA 98225

Our vision: to seek the face of Jesus!

**We've had so many opportunities for the Gospel!** Thank you for praying for that! We've invited countless people to join us on Sunday nights as well. One of our workers shared the Gospel with a hurting individual outside of the Drop in Center, another he and a friend reasoned with from Scripture. As we worshipped there at the DIC the Spirit seemed to fall on us and grant peace in an otherwise chaotic place. We were all so thankful!

**A couple fellows may need a sponsor to enter the Summit house as they get work and are then able to pay for their own program fees.** Would anyone be willing to help them with that? Let us know and please pray for them. Also, would anyone be willing to sponsor one of the men at the Summit House for Christian counseling once a month or more- about \$90 a month?

**The most important thing we need you'all to pray for, beyond protection, strength, and provision is that God would raise up stable workers for the harvest!** What I mean is that folks try to help us but realize pretty quickly that they themselves aren't stable enough to stick with it. Most of our help comes from people who have been there themselves. What we need is some folks that have stability in their lives- coming from solid family life, able to save money, knowing how to work, and how to stay clean/sober.



**“Why house churches?” Some people ask.**

Well, we partner with the Jesus Gathering house church network because we started a church in our coffeehouse back in 2008 and it became a church plant in 2010. But I got burned out trying to pastor it, so we decided to spread out the leadership into house churches and that has worked better so far. We also find it to be a great way to do real discipleship in that it's more difficult to hide when you're not doing well, and we hear each other's ideas and can learn how to encourage and even correct each other according to God's Word with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Keep on praying also for our Sunday night Life's Healing Choices precursor to Celebrate Recovery. **We need wisdom** with Mitzie Crosser, one of our Stephen Servants, on whether we **should start a Celebrate Recovery program as a ministry.**

**Here is our weekly schedule:**

Tuesday: Street Connect from 5:45-7:45pm starts at 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist on Flora St. Jesus Study at Drop in Center at 6:10pm.

Wednesday: Prayer at LOWPC from 10am-12pm. (House church at Lincoln Square at 3pm.) Jesus Study at McDonald's on Samish at 7pm.

Thursday: Men's group at 6pm location TBA.

Friday: Men's breakfast at Overeasy Restaurant at 6:45am. Prayer at the Light of the World Prayer Center from 3-5pm.

Saturday: (House church at the Senti's at 9:30am)

Sunday: (House church at the Gray's at 10am.) The Jesus Gathering meets at Hope in Christ (Sunset and James) from 4:30pm-6:30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. Jesus Study at 5pm on all other Sundays at the Majestic (1027 North Forest).